(c) if so, whether Government propose to recognise computers as a subject and make provision for creation of posts of Computer Teacher?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Central Board of Secondary Education has introduced Computer Studies as an elective subject for class X and XII. Similarly Computer Literacy has been introduced as an optional subject in the curriculum of Work Experience which is an internally evaluated subject. In addition to this, Board also provides Computer application under Vocational Stream curriculum.

All the schools affiliated to CBSE are free to seek affiliation for the above subjects. As per the affiliation Bye-Laws such schools should have adequate teaching staff possessing the necessary qualification laid down for various posts/ subject teachers by the Board.

Observance of the year of Christ

1976. SHRI RAJUBHAI PARMAR:
SHRI V.N. GADGIL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to observe year 2000 as the Year of Christ;

(b) whether Government have constituted any Committee to chalk out concrete programmes for this celebration;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) No decision has as yet been taken to observe year 2000 as the Year of Christ.

Proposals for new Railway stations

1977. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals for construction of new railway stations of Northern Railways, pending with Government during the last three years;

(b) the present status of each proposal;

(c) when the preliminary works such as survey .etc., has been/will be taken up; and

(d) by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) There are no such proposals pending with the Government at present.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Rail connection between Ambikapur and Anuppur

1978. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ambikapur in Distt.-Sarguja, M.P. is being connected directly with Anuppur;

(b) if so, when it would become operational; and

(c) if not, what are the difficulties in fulfilling the long standing demand of the tribal district of Sarguja?